

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, January 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Gran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Joshua Gran, Council Members: DeWayne Schroeder, Bob Lemke, Paul Fisch and Robert Burns. City Staff Present: Administrative Coordinator Mike Gerardy, City Clerk/Administrator: Ted Schoonover, Caledonia Argus reporter Kelley Stange. Guests: Ed Feringstad, Marjorie Birkeland, Lois Greer, Matt and Lisa Bowen, Mary Piper, DeAnna McCabe, Steve Reiman, Charles Bubbers, Sandy Welscher, Heidi Kinstler, Geraldine Klug, Jean Ideker, Dan Kruse, Liza Jandt, Kris Stemper, Lynda Privet, Jim and Deb Hoscheit, Jodi Konz, Todd and Angela Meiners, Theresa Lauden, Laurel Rusert, Katie King, Jason Klug, Mary Mell, Greg Hoscheit.

AGENDA: Motion by Member Lemke, second by Member Burns to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Schroeder to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the regular meeting minutes from January 12, 2015 and the January 21, 2015 Special meeting. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR: Mike Gerardy presented the council with a brochure regarding a training event for the water and waste water operator to attend in St. Cloud. This is an annual event and will allow that employee to gain educational credits and additional knowledge in his field. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Member Lemke to approve Craig Nelson attendance at the conference. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gerardy then informed the council that a sanitary sewer line that runs between Grant St. and Lincoln St. needs to be re-lined. He stated that it was blocked earlier and it was then determined that the water main lies directly over it which makes replacing/repairing it in any other manner too expensive. He would like to obtain quotes on a relining to avoid replacing both lines. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Member Burns. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gerardy stated that the warranty on the Street Departments end loader will be expiring in March and would recommend that we stay with the traditional 3 year rotation and get quotes for a replacement. Motion by Member Fisch, second by Member Burns to approve Gerardy to obtain quotes for a replacement end loader. All members present voted in favor and motion was declared carried.

Gerardy then presented the council with a listing of equipment that is needed for the sewer plant. They are in need of 2-50 pound per day chlorinators, 3 chlorine switchovers and 1 65 gallon tank. The equipment they have is old and outdated. Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Lemke to approve the purchase of the above stated equipment in the amount of \$4,840.14. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Gran stated that we would now discuss the Aquatic Center. He asked the residents who wished to comment to attempt not to repeat others concerns or opinions. Member Burns stated that he felt the consensus of the crowd was to see how the city was going to proceed and what our options were. Schoonover showed the audience the two options he sent to USAquatics for further estimates. Basically option 1 was to build a zero depth pool with the Splash area but not add the slide portion, the umbrellas, bubblers or other amenities. It also took off the concession stand and seating area. He estimates the cost of that to be around 1 million dollars. Option 2 would be to build it as seen but without the slides being purchased, or the bubblers, umbrellas but still removed the concession stand and seating area. He estimates that to cost approximately 1.5 million dollars. Some residents in attendance felt the umbrellas were an important feature. Many of those present kept asking if the city was going to take the lead and get behind a referendum. Others wanted to know why we couldn't just ask the voters for \$500,000 and use what we have on hand and what is pledged to add the remaining amenities. Mayor Gran stated that it is pretty evident that the large majority of the residents don't want a huge pool with all the amenities we have offered and that he felt we needed to scale it down to a more reasonable pool. Several residents asked why we couldn't have the townships assist in paying for the pool as they will be using it as well. Member Burns stated that could be accomplished if we developed some type of pool district similar to the fire district but it would require a lot of work and he wasn't sure even then if it would pass in those townships, then we are out all the time and energy it took to collaborate it.

Discussion ensued. After approximately one hour Mayor Gran stated that we needed to move on and Member Burns stated that at this point and until we see some hard numbers from USAquatics no decisions would be made and especially tonight with only estimates. Mayor Gran thanked all those in attendance and for their comments and concerns.

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Gran opened a public hearing to assess past utilities to a property owner. There were no oral written comments. Mayor Gran closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Lemke to approve Resolution 2015-002 Assessing late utility charges to the property owners account number 40-00001980-01-1 in the amount of \$5,036.29. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Schroeder to approve the 2:00 a.m. liquor license to Elsie's Bar and Grill. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Schoonover presented the council with a recommendation from the Caledonia Library Board of Trustees to hire Karen Gran as a part-time Librarian. Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Fisch to accept the Library Board of Trustees recommendation and to hire Karen Gran at her current wage and to receive 25 hours of vacation a year and 25 hours of sick time per year, and to get holidays when they fall on a day that the library normally would be open. Roll call of members: Yes: Members Burns, Lemke, Fisch, Schroeder. No: None. Abstain: Mayor Gran. The motion was declared carried.

Schoonover presented the council with the 2015 Business Retention & Expansion Study that CEDA completed for the EDA, City and Acentek. He stated that he wanted the council to have an opportunity to review it and study it's contents before Ron Zeigler from CEDA came in to go over it and before we moved on in sharing it with the general public in a town hall type of setting. No action taken.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, A motion to adjourn was made by Member Schroeder, second by Member Burns. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

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Clerk-Administrator